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Top Honors for Coin Week

After many hours of deliberation and debate, a team of six prominent numismatists selected the 1968 winners of the internationally-celebrated National Coin Week competition. Meeting at the American Numismatic Association headquarters in Colorado Springs, the judges selected winners in six categories from a parade of scrapbook entries submitted by coin clubs and individuals from all over the world.

National Coin Week was observed this year from April 21 through 27 and is sponsored annually by the ANA for the purpose of promoting numismatics. The scrapbook entries included accounts of displays, publicity and contributions made by clubs and collectors centered around this year's theme, "History Under Glass."

The 1968 winners are:

Class A (clubs with 100 or more members), the Midwest Numismatic Association, Kansas City, Mo., first; the Erie County Coin Club, Erie, Pa., second; the Austin Coin Club, Austin, Texas, third and the Honolulu Coin Club, Honolulu, Hawaii, honorable mention.

Class B (clubs with 50 to 99 members), the Totem Coin Club, Anchorage, Alaska, first; the Saginaw Valley Coin Club, Saginaw, Mich., second; the Diablo Numismatic

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Society, Concord, Calif., third; the Nassau-Suffolk Coin Club of Long Island, Levittown, N.Y., honorable mention; the Inland Empire Coin Club, Spokane, Wash., honorable mention and the Ashland Stamp and Coin Club, Ashland, Ohio, honorable mention.

Class C (clubs with 49 or less members), the Panhandle Coin Club, Chadron, Neb., first; the Niagara Frontier Coin Club, Niagara Falls, N.Y., second and the Caveman Coin Club, Grants Pass, Ore., third.

Class D (individuals, U.S.A.), Valentine Pasvolsky, Lakewood, N.J., first; Webster D. Jones, Laramie, Wyo., second and Herman R. Deissinger, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., third.

Class J (individual juniors, age 11 through 21), Charles W. Warren, Indianapolis, Ind., first and Alvin A. Kress, Chicago, Ill., second.

Class Y (individuals outside U.S.A.), Jimmie N. Lawrence, Johannesburg, S. Africa, first and Harold Don Allen, Arvida, Quebec, Canada, second.

Plaques will be presented to the first three winners of the six categories at the ANA's 77th Anniversary Convention scheduled for August 20 through 24 in San Diego, Calif. Certificates of award will go to individuals or institutions making significant contributions in publicizing NCW and to all club and individual entries.

This year's judges, all leading and experienced numismatists as well as students of human nature, public relations and art, are: Ralph F. Cleaver, Aurora, Colo., a former member of the ANA board of governors; Clark S. Yowell, San Diego, Calif., a prominent columnist and author; Clement F. Bailey, Iola, Wis., a staff member of Krause Publications; Richard Karlson, Colorado Springs, a member of the board of education; Dick Bowman, Denver, Colo., president of the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association, author and prominent collector and Al C. Overton, Colorado Springs, prominent dealer and author.

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This year's chairman, Clark A. Yowell, past president of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society, gave many hours to promoting National Coin Week, which first was observed in 1924 and has since become an annual event. It now is celebrated by ardent numismatists and coin clubs throughout the world and is one of the outstanding programs of the ANA and its 25,000 members.

The purpose for the special week is to advance the cultural and artistic aspects of coin collecting, to advance the enjoyment of the hobby through proper education and to advance interest in coin collecting as a science rather than a hoarding of coins. Another important purpose is to attract and educate new collectors.

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